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SUBJ: SUPPLY CRISIS: CRITICISM CONTINUES

1. PRESS ATTACK AGAINST COUNCIL OF MINISTERS' HANDLING OF CURRENT SUPPLY AND PRICES CRISES HAS BEEN LED BY AL-AKHBAR AND ITS CHIEF EDITOR MUSA SABRI. SABRI HAS CONSISTENTLY CRITICIZED FIRST DEPT PRIME MINISTER HEGAZY FOR HIS HANDLING OF THE VARIOUS SUPPLY AND PRICE CRISES AND HAS BERATED THE OTHER MINISTERS FOR THEIR APPARENT INACTION. IN EDITORIAL AUGUST 27, SABRI CONTINUED HIS SEVERE CRITICISM LISTING VARIOUS PROBLEMS INCLUDING A SHORTAGE OF POLIO VACCINES, POLLUTION OF DRINKING WATER, THE POOR QUALITY OF BREAD, AND THE SOAP SITUATION, AND SAYING THAT EVERYONE IS AWARE OF THOSE WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE AND YET NOTHING IS DONE TO PUNISH THEM.

2. SABRI CRITICIZED THE MINISTERS FOR WAITING FOR THE FIRST DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER TO TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY. HE SAID EVERY MINISTER MUST TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR HIS MINISTRY.

COMMENT: EDITORIAL IS NOTEWORTH FOR ITS STRONG CRITICISM OF HEGAZY AND THE CABINET. IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE WHETHER AND HOW SADAT ADDRESSES SABRI'S CRITICISMS IN HIS MEETING WITH THE PRESS ON AUGUST 28.

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